(*b*) Has it come to the notice of Government that the Agricultural Department is giving permission to grow sugar-cane in wet and dry sub-blocks and is not encouraging the poor people to grow sugar-cane in sugar-cane sub-blocks?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) Yes, if the members mean rotational arrangement of cultivation.

(*b*) No.

MR. H. HONNAIYA.—Are Government perfectly sure that permission is not being given for growing sugar-cane on land not meant for that crop?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—It must have been done in exceptional cases.

MR. H. HONNAIYA.—Why should you insist on contribution at all at that rate?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—Necessary instructions will be given for the future.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH.—Did not Government promise on the last occasion when a similar question came up that they would issue orders that it should not be done?

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.—As far as possible we shall see that no inconvenience is caused to private agriculturists.

Hardship caused to the Raiyats under Santhekere Tank, Hunsur Taluk, owing to forced Payment of Contribution.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Hunsur Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How long is it since the Santhekere Tank attached to the Tarikal Nala, Bilikere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, was repaired; what was the outlay?

(*b*) What is the *atchkat* under this tank; what is the revenue derived by Government?

(*c*) Is this tank classified as major or minor in Government accounts?

(*d*) Have Government ordered the recovery of contribution from the raiyats for the expenditure incurred for repairing the waste weir?

(*e*) Were the raiyats informed beforehand that such contribution will have to be paid by them?

(*f*) Have the raiyats represented that the above contribution need not be paid by them and that it should be cancelled; if so, what is the reply given by Government?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) 3 years. September 1931—Rs. 399.

(*b*) 251 acres, 32 guntas. Rs. 738-12-0 per annum.

(*c*) Major.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) and (*f*) Do not arise in view of answer to (*d*) above.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*d*), may I know if there are no other works executed by the Public Works Department without ordering the recovery of contribution from the raiyats?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—I am not aware of any. But the recovery becomes necessary if raiyats fail to do maintenance work.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it not necessary under the Regulation to give previous notice to the raiyats if contribution has to be paid?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The Revenue Department must have given notice.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Government enquired whether the Department is enforcing the raiyats' liability without such previous notice?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*b*), may I know if the figure 251 acres and 32 guntas represents the *nala atchkat* or the tank *atchkat*?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have not the raiyats represented to the Chief Engineer on 23rd April 1934 the hard-

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ship caused to them on account of the forced payment of contribution?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The matter is under enquiry.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Do Government intend to enforce payment only from the *nala atchkatdars* or from all the landholders under the Santekere tank?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Notice.

Non-restoration of Breached Tanks in Kolar District.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality).—

Q.—21. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The total number of major and minor tanks in Kolar District (talukwar information may be kindly furnished)?

(*b*) The number of unrestored tanks?

(*c*) Whether funds are provided for their restoration; if so, the amount?

(*d*) The number of tanks breached last year on account of rains?

(*e*) If remission of assessment has been sanctioned to the *atchkatdars* of the breached tanks?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—21. (*a*) *Vide* statement attached (*vide* Appendix).

(*b*) Major ... 75
Minor ... 2,162

(*c*) Rs. 30,500 for major tanks.
Rs. 45,000 plus 30,000 for minor tanks.

(*d*) 12.

(*e*) Yes, in the case of two tanks in the Malur Taluk.

The question of remission in the case of one tank in the Bowringpet Taluk is under investigation.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA.—Is the sum of Rs. 75,000 enough for restoring all the minor tanks?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—We have provided as much funds as possible.

MR. A. G. MUDDU RACHAPPA.—With reference to answer to (*e*), is it not necessary to extend the same concession of remission to all the hoblies of the Bowringpet Taluk also?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—If the rules warrant, we shall grant remissions in other cases also.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—With reference to answer to (*c*), may I know if all the Rs. 75,000 represents Government grant?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—No. Rs. 45,000 is what Government have provided. Rs. 30,000 represents the sum advanced by Government against the raiyats' share of the cost.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—With reference to answer to (*e*), what about remissions to the *atchkatdars* of all the other nine tanks? Is it not necessary to grant remissions in all the cases where tanks had breached?

REVENUE COMMISSIONER.—Not necessarily. The breaches might have been repaired.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The question of remission in the case of one tank is stated to be still under investigation, but the collection season is long since over. Does it not itself show that so many raiyats have been inconvenienced because assessment has been collected from all of them?

REVENUE COMMISSIONER.—Because the question of remission is under investigation, you cannot infer that the whole demand has been collected.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—How long will you leave the sums uncollected? Is it not inconvenient to raiyats if the investigation is not completed soon?

REVENUE COMMISSIONER.—Certainly. But investigation does take time.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—We cannot say that it will be possible or even expedient to restore all tanks. It may not be profitable to restore some at all.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Have the Government ascertained in how many cases restoration will be profitable?

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Notice.